

## Neil Willis

Willis, CEO and founder of Cynergi Systems, has been appointed to serve as the House Education and Public Works Committee's business representative to the EOC. The appointment was made by Representative Bob Walker, Chairman of the House committee and also an EOC member. Willis fills the term vacated by Bob Daniel, whose term on the committee expired June 30, 2008.

Willis received his Bachelor of Science degree from the United State Air Force College of Engineering and in 2004, and became a (RCDD)Registered Communications Distribution Designer. He is recognized by many national organizations as a pioneer in technology for education and often speaks at national conferences on the "Trends of Technology in Education" and "Building Schools for the New Millennium." In 2007, Cynergi Systems was recognized by Elliot Davis as was one of South Carolina's Fastest Growing Companies and the South Carolina Chamber's Best Places to Work.

Active in community affairs, Willis is a member of the University of South Carolina Upstate Board of Advisors and is a charter member of C12 Group Upstate.

"I am extremely excited about my appointment to the EOC. I have a strong desire to help in any way improve the means of educating our state's children and for them to become world class knowledge workers. I hope my experience and knowledge in technology will help the EOC's efforts and provide value to the districts of the state of South Carolina. I believe I am a South Carolinian in a true sense of the word and I believe the key to reaching the next level of education is collaboration with business and other institutions in order to bring real application to the classroom" Willis explains.

Mr. Willis will celebrate this month his 16th wedding anniversary to his wife Amy. Together they have two sons, Gunner(14) and Jacob(12), and Mr. Willis is interested in anything that involves his family. Together they enjoy basketball, mountain hiking, any watersport and participating in their church activities at First Baptist North Spartanburg.